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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph located on page ~~21~~¹⁷, lines ~~11-21~~²⁵⁻²⁹ with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 10-13 illustrate a second preferred embodiment with a housing cabinet 2 with a central panel on which is located interactive user interface unit 4 and associated article dispensing outlet 6. Located on each side of the central panel are storage compartment access doors 8. The opposite (unseen) side of the housing cabinet also includes a plurality of storage compartment doors.

Please replace the ABSTRACT of the instant application with the following:

An automated article dispensing device for dispensing articles to a plurality of users, the device comprising: a) a plurality of storage compartments configured for storage of a vertical stack of cloth articles, the storage compartments arranged in a plurality of tiers; b) a plurality of cloth articles deployed in at least some of the storage compartments in vertical stack configurations; c) at least one dispensing outlet; d) an article delivery system configured to retrieve a top-most article from at least one the stack and deliver the article to the dispensing outlet, the article delivery system including a plurality of article retrieval systems equal in number to the number of tiers of the storage compartments; e) a user interface unit accessible to the users; and f) an on-board processing unit configured to control the article delivery system, the on-board processing unit being in electrical communication with the article delivery system, and the user interface unit.